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Maurice and Sarah Mason House  
Clarksburg Vicinity  
Private

c. 1910

This two story frame house has been seriously altered in recent years, but its general form still retains that of the original house. Its facade had three bays, arranged in bilateral symmetry. There were two rooms down and two up originally. The owners operated a small store in the house, which was not an uncommon practice in rural communities.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC Maurice and Sarah Mason House

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Route 355

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED  
No

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME K.A. and D.J. Payne

Telephone #: 428-0492

STREET & NUMBER

Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20734

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Registry of deeds

Liber #: 2519

Folio #: 411

STREET & NUMBER

Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This two story frame house stands on the north side of Clarksburg Road. It was built close to the road. The lawn is in front of it and the house is shaded by large oaks. None of the outbuildings remain behind the house and the house has been converted into a modern dwelling. The result is that most of the original features of the outside of this house have been either covered over or removed.

The house stands two stories in height like the Arthur Gibson house and its facade contains 3 bays with a door centrally located, flanked by two windows on either side. There were two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. The house was originally 1 bay in depth. There was a shed porch but that has been removed and has been replaced by another shed porch supported by brick pillars. The weatherboards covering the frame originally have been covered over with asbestos shingles. The roof is now covered with composition roofing material and the original windows have been replaced. Louvered shutters now accent the windows; these were probably additions.

Despite these changes to the house its form remains essentially the same and should be seen in the context of the other black landowners homes in Clarksburg.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Black History

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the deed 218/334, this tract of one acre was purchased by Maurice H. Mason from James H. and Sarah Purdum in 1910. The house was probably built at that time. It was the home of a Black landowning family, who were among the leaders of the Black community in Clarksburg. They are remembered fondly by the people who knew them. For example, community historian, Ethel Foreman, recalls:

"Maurice Mason worked in and out of Washington, D.C. during the 1930's and early 1940's. Mr. and Mrs. Mason operated a little store and sold ice cream, sodas, fresh yeast for homemade bread, and candy, etc. Mrs. Sarah Mason served as Recording Secretary and Treasurer for the John Wesley Church for many years. Mrs. Mason passed on during the 1960's. The couple had no children."

William and Maurice Mason were brothers. William's house had been surveyed, 11-13-16-10, also. This is another example of the Black community of Clarksburg being connected by the bonds of kinship. As well as nuclear families, there were extended families such as the Masons, the Wims, and the Hackeys.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

Written recollection of Ethel Foreman, Clarksburg, Maryland,  
December, 1978.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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Maurice + Sarah Mason House

East Elevation

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Maurice & Sarah Mason House

South Elevation

M-~~13-40-9~~ 13-42

Clarksburg, Md.

GWM 11/98